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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X --- Y	JP 40-2131569 A (HITACHI LTD) 21 May, 1990, see abstract.	1-3,8-13,15- 20,24,25,30,36-39 ----- 4-6,14,21-23,26-29
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